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CRUTCHFIELD:

Former Hawaii lawyer
says many have false
ideas about new state





MESSAGE FROM MBOYA

By Lerone Bennett

Tom Mboya, the brilliant young African leader came to America with a message for the American Negro. He is convinced that there is no basic difference between racism in Asia, colonialism in Africa and segregation in Alabama. He hits this subject hard in the August issue of EBONY.

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NATIONAL REPORT

Negro Named Ex-Slave Town Postmaster

Confirmation of Ramon N. Davis as postmaster in Magazine, Ala., a historical settlement comprised of descendants of the last boatload of slaves from the Gold Coast (now Ghana), was being pressed in the Senate, JET learned.

Davis is recommended by the two Alabama Senators for the position, but his nomination has been stalled in committee. It is hoped that his nomination will be approved in time for a huge centennial celebration later this month of the town's founding in August 1859. The S. S. Clotilde with a cargo of 100 Gold Coast slaves was run into a sandbar by Federal gun boats and burned. The slaves went ashore and formed their own community which has remained intact as the only settlement of its kind in the U. S. For the centennial, representatives of the Ghana Government are expected to attend. In other Washington news:

Dr. John F. Harris now assigned in Germany was promoted to a full colonel, becoming the Army's highest-ranking regular Negro officer.

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BACK FROM RUSSIA, JET PUBLISHER



Mr. Nixon chats with Mr. & Mrs. John H. Johnson at U. S. Embassy in Moscow.

and EBONY Magazines, who with his wife, Eunice, was a member of the press group which accompanied Vice President Nixon on his recent trip to Russia and Poland. There

Any Negro who feels that communism is the solution to the race problem in the United States will be sadly disappointed if he takes a trip to Soviet Russia.

This is the opinion of John H. Johnson, publisher of JET

Dixie Whites Value Money Above Segregation

"White Southerners are not in effect for segregation when it means losing something they value even more than the separation of the races," writes Spelman College history department head, Dr. Howard Zinn, in Harper's magazine. Dr. Zinn claims most southerners rank money, law and order and the maintenance of their reputation for good manners ahead of segregation preference.

White Boy, 12, Drowns Trying To Save Ark. Negro, 14

A 12-year-old white boy drowned in Parkin, Ark., while trying to save a floundering Negro youth who was later rescued from a plantation swimming hole. Walter Edward Holmes died after leaping to the aid of Joe Duckett, 14, who went under while trying to swim across a water-filled ditch with the aid of two other Negroes. Another Negro youth, Odell Worthem, 12, tried to save both boys but failed as Duckett was brought to safety.

SAYS COMMUNISM NOT FOR NEGROES

are relatively few Negroes in the Soviet Union, and Mr. Johnson agrees with the Russian claim that it does not have a race problem. However, he is quick to point out that most of the privileges which we take for granted, such as freedom of speech and press and the right to own property, are not enjoyed by the Russian people.

"The American Negro who wants better housing, more productive employment, and more individual opportunities will find that they are not available to him in Russia because they are not available to the majority of the Russian people." Mr. Johnson does feel, however, that even though the communist philosophy is not a good one for Negro or white Americans, there is no reason why the United States and Russia should not be friendly and peaceful. He believes that the Nixon trip contributed much to the development of friendly relations between the two countries and that further cultural and educational exchanges should be continued.

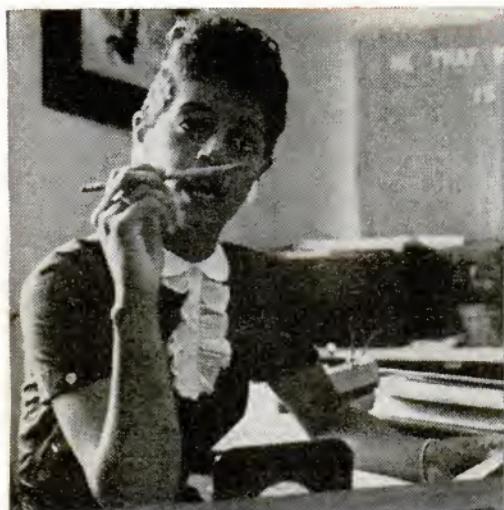
Dred Scott's Great Grandson Named Mich. Police Sgt.

Dred Scott Madison, great grandson of the pre-Civil War slave who sued for his freedom, was promoted to sergeant in the Grand Rapids, Mich., police force and became the second Negro to become a superior officer. A policeman since 1947, Madison, 38, participated in a 1958 St. Louis re-enactment of the Dred Scott trial in which the court ruled that a slave did not gain freedom by living in a free state.

Hold Tallahassee Deputy On Larceny Charge

Tripped by \$200 in marked bills he accepted from a youth on the pretense of clearing him of an already dismissed burglary charge, a Tallahassee, Fla., deputy constable, James Williams, was arrested when the money was found on his person. Freddie Patten, 19, accused in a burglary case, helped police trip up the 48-year-old constable, who admitted accepting the money.

2,500 NEGROES FIND BIAS



Lawyer says Hawaiians don't want to be referred to as "foreigners."

constantly entertained them caused her no end of concern. She fretted about carrying enough clothes and supplies that would be needed in what she thought would be her new "primitive environment."

When she arrived, however, her concern abruptly dissolved into wide-eyed astonishment. There were no grass shacks. There were no hula girls. No natives lying around. Instead, she found a modern city, not at all different from any other in the U. S.

Today, after two years of living in Hawaii, and giving up her teaching post to take a job in Los Angeles in the legal department of a real estate firm, she smiles at her own former misconceptions of the 50th state, yet feels there are millions who still share similar ignorance. To begin with, she points out, many in the U. S. commit the most common error of referring to the people of Hawaii as "foreigners." This they resent. "There are Orientals and a large number of people of Polynesian descent," Barbara

About two years ago, pretty, 23-year-old Barbara Crutchfield, a law graduate from the University of Iowa, applied for and got a job teaching law at the University of Hawaii, on the Island of Oahu. As she prepared to leave the U. S. for her Hawaiian assignment, the image of swaying palm trees, balmy trade winds, and natives basking outside grass huts while hula girls con-

'NON-EXISTENT' IN 50th STATE

explains, "but this does not mean they are foreign. Their allegiance is to the U. S., and they not only think of themselves as Americans, but are, in fact, American. They refer to the continental U. S. as 'the mainland,' and resent it being called 'the States' or 'America.' "

Another common false notion is that the people of Hawaii speak a different language. Not true, says Barbara. "There is a Hawaiian language," she explains, "but it is only spoken by older Hawaiians. Everyone speaks English, with the exception of some of the very old Orientals. The younger generation speaks English almost to the exclusion of any other language."

As for the hula girls and grass skirts, they're just not around unless you're traveling with the tourists to night clubs or happen to be fortunate enough to be invited to a *luau* (a feast). Hula dancing is strictly a night club attraction and grass skirts are unheard of for street wear. The average tourist, however, feels that Hawaii would not be



Miss Crutchfield, who made many friends, urges Americans in Hawaii not to refer to U. S. as "the States," but as "mainland."

Hawaiians Proud Of Racial Mixtures



Negroes, whites are minorities, but mixed marriages are common.

was loud. Then they did an encore. But out of their ear-shot in the audience were knowing smiles and back-of-hand whispers: "stupid haoles (the Hawaii word for white)."

For a state that has its share of drive-in movies, hot dog stands, department stores and five-and-dimes, Hawaii is different, perhaps, only in that it probably has more mixed marriages than anywhere else in the U. S. "I found the race problem almost non-existent," observed Barbara. "There are so many races and racial mixtures that people view it with no surprise." As an example of race mixing, she says it is not uncommon to find children who admit proudly to a mixture of sometimes as many as 10 racial strains. And if you ask them what they are, they are likely to rattle off a hyphenated genealogy of all 10.

Proof of the Hawaiian's pride of race, however, can best be shown in the annual Ka Palapala Beauty Pageant at the University of Hawaii where six beauty queens are

Hawaii if he did not find this and occasionally may proceed to perform his own version. Barbara recalls once being in the company of some white tourists who had learned to hula while coming over on the boat, and finding no such dancing in the night club they visited, proceeded to put on a stage show. They did—in the presence of some 250 Hawaiians. When they finished the applause

chosen simultaneously. "It is felt," explains Barbara, "that each race has its own distinct type of beauty and therefore should not compete one against the other." Hence, six "queens," and among them one category called "cosmopolitan," which is a classification for those mixed racially.

As for the territory's estimated 2,500 Negro residents, they find segregation non-existent. There is no segregation in any of the business establishments. Neither do Negroes live in any particular area. They find homes in any neighborhood, often with a Japanese family as one next-door neighbor or a Hawaiian-Portuguese family for the other. Any mass congregation of Negroes in any one area is usually done by Negro servicemen who may come in town on leave from the island's many bases.

Indeed Hawaii is a virtual tropical paradise, but it also has its less appealing facets. Among them: high living costs and low wages. For example: rent (\$85-\$90 for a 1½ to two-room apt.); gasoline (43 cents per gallon).

But it does have its blue skies and year-round 70-degree weather. The only complaint: many feel far removed from the mainland and tend to feel confined in the tiny area. Consequently, those who leave often do so because of this feeling of claustrophobia.

Dont's For Americans In Hawaii

- Don't refer to Hawaiians as "foreigners."
- Don't refer to the U. S. as "The States" or "America." Say: "The mainland."
- Don't expect to find hula girls dancing everywhere.
- Don't expect to find "natives" in grass skirts.
- Don't look for grass huts, either. There aren't any.
- Don't try to speak a "Hawaiian language." Speak English. Everybody else does.
- Don't stare at mixed couples. Almost everybody's mixed.
- Don't try to lead a hula line.

Del. Negro Family's 'Bombed Home' Demolished



A \$13,500 Negro family home in the all-white community of Collins Park, Del., near Wilmington, which was destroyed by a high velocity explosion on August 2, was demolished last week as being dangerous to public safety. DuPont Chemical plant laborer, George Rayfield, his wife Lucille and their 15-year old daughter Geraldine are homeless as a result of the blast and now live with a Wilmington brother-in law, Charles Goode.

The explosion, believed to be the work of professionals, drove the Rayfields out of the two-family brick residence they had been defying mob action to live in since February. In April, two weeks after they moved into the home, the Rayfield kitchen was bombed causing \$3,500 in damage. Meanwhile, in week end arrests, state police and the FBI seized seven white men and obtained signed confessions from five of them that they were in the Rayfield home the night of the April blast. They were released in bail that totalled \$55,000.

Boy Burned In Laundromat, Parents Ask \$150,000

A \$150,000 damage suit was filed in Oklahoma City by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Brown, the parents of a seven-year-old boy whose body was decapitated and roasted to death in an allegedly unattended Eastside laundromat.



■ **Study Criminal Law:** Among 78 attorneys attending Northwestern University short course for criminal lawyers, Lawrence Massey (2nd l.), Lawrence A. Lewis Jr. (2nd r.) and Carsie A. Hall (r.) listen to lecture of NU Prof. Fred Inbau (3rd r.) at Chicago's Drake Hotel.

Yesterday In Negro History

August 18, 1953—The American Federation of Teachers meeting at their 36th annual convention at Peoria, Ill., voted 219-80 to ban racial segregation in its 400 locals.

August 18, 1954—Dr. Frank M. Snowden Jr., Howard University classics professor, was named cultural attaché at the American Embassy in Rome. It marked the first time a Negro had been appointed to a major diplomatic post in Italy.

August 20, 1864—Adelbert Roberts, first Negro elected to the Illinois Senate, was born in Decatur, Michigan.



Dr. Snowden



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Confidential: Government agencies hint that few complaints now come from Negroes in the area of voting and employment. Here's where to send your gripes: Voting denial—Civil Rights Commission; discrimination on government jobs—Committee on Employment Policy; and job bias with companies holding U. S. contracts—Contract Compliance Committee. Address all letters via Washington 25, D. C. . . . Little is being said but **Alexander Allen**, Pittsburgh executive secretary, reportedly is being groomed to take over the presidency of the National Urban League when **Lester Granger** retires next year. Allen, on a year's leave, is working out of the national office . . . The bitterest labor controversy concerns the Jim Crow Local 254 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers in Port Arthur, Texas. Some 3,500 Negroes regularly pay dues, but are denied a voice in contract matters, or pay scales. They have spent some \$20,000 to get the issue before the U. S. Supreme Court (lost on both cases) and find themselves ineligible to appeal to the Civil Rights Division of the AFL-CIO. Its president, **John Syers**, a Morehouse College-trained leader, refuses to give up.

. . . The combined National Business League, National Bankers Assoc. and National Housewives League met in Washington and received the poorest press attention of any big time confab. However, their plan to establish a National Business Development Corp. is one of the most ambitious in history, deserves better treatment than that.



Cong. Diggs

TAPE U.S.A.

Unique Club: At the National Security Agency, 13 employees organized the Men's Explorers Club two years ago. Headed by **Allen Saunders**, the men "explore ideas of working together" and yearly sponsor a picnic where they barbecue, supervise play and handle all chores including baby-sitting.

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Behind The Scenes: Few of the newspapers bothered to point out that **Elbert G. Mathews**, deputy assistant secretary of state for policy planning, is the first white ambassador named to Liberia in years . . . **LaJune Hundley**, the D. C. model, is the daughter of the Alexandria cook who refused to withdraw a son from a white school list, and was fired. Entered in the Miss Washington contest, LaJune told judges her "mom" was her hero, ending all chances of quick success . . . **In Town:** **Asbury Howard**, the 52-year-old labor leader who served six months in jail in Bessemer, Ala., for contriving register-to-vote signs . . . Flood Harlem Rep. **Clayton Powell** with get well cards. The address: House Office Bldg.

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From The Notebook: Personal problems make headlines, but little is written about Rep. **Charles Diggs'** devotion to constituents. Daily his staff sends out cards to families who have weddings, births or funerals, all personally signed by the lawmaker. He has built his popularity on helping the needy, jobless and troubled, skipping often the sensational. —**SIMEON BOOKER**



Alex. Allen

THE CANDIDATES NEGROES PREFER FOR PRESIDENT

NIXON, STEVENSON, HUMPHREY

By SIMEON BOOKER

With the important 1960 Presidential campaign coming up and the Negro vote a balance of power in some 10 key states, the most popular candidate for the nation's highest office today among U. S. Negroes is Vice President Richard Nixon.

Scarcely known among minority groups when he first ran on the GOP ticket with President Eisenhower, the Californian has zoomed into an unmatched popularity among both Negro Democrats and Republicans. On the Democratic side, ex-Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson, a two-time contender for the Presidency, and Minneapolis Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, long a civil rights fighter, rally the heaviest, but still not predominant, support. Despite what some politicians say, civil rights far exceeds economics as the major issue for campaigning among leading Negroes in 22 states.

These views are made known in JET's first nationwide



Nixon (l. with Nkrumah) is Republican big gun, Gov. Rockefeller (r. with Roy Wilkins) ran a distant second in exclusive JET poll.

SCORE HEAVILY IN NATIONAL POLL



For Dems, Stevenson (l. with Gov. G. Mennen Williams) is sentimental favorite, but polled a tie with Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

poll of Negro leaders. Some 855 leaders distributed in 22 states were queried as to their Presidential preference and the issues foremost to Negroes in the 1960 race. The survey included 200 leaders from each party who are recognized by their respective national committees, as well as a sampling of 455 outstanding spokesmen in education, business, religion and civic affairs from coast to coast.

Enthusiasm among Negro Republicans far exceeded the Democratic response, a factor which indicates the degree of GOP positiveness and the high degree of indecision among the Negro Democrats on their party's standard bearer. The Republican leaders were asked: "Who do you prefer for president?" Among those who responded, the results were as follows:

Richard Nixon 81.7%

Nelson Rockefeller 18.3%

The Negro Republicans were also asked: "Who do you

Says Nixon Has Clearer Insight Into Minority Problems

prefer as the opposition candidate?" The response was as follows:

Adlai Stevenson	.....	26.7%
John F. Kennedy	.....	21.3%
Hubert H. Humphrey	.....	17.3%
Lyndon Johnson	.....	14.7%
Stuart Symington	.....	5.3%
G. Mennen Williams	.....	4.0%

The more than 4-1 preference for the Vice President surprises the politicians who argue that the New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller is a heavy favorite among Negroes because of his family's wide philanthropic endeavors. Nixon's support as the preferred candidate came from varied sources.

A Fort Worth leader wrote: "Because of his just and impartial thinking." A Richmond, Va., pollster said: "He's experienced, both aggressive and progressive. A liberal." From Seattle, Wash.: "He's qualified and forthright." A Chicago leader said: "He'll do more for the Negro, which is uppermost in my mind at present." From Birmingham: "I think he's the best man the Republicans have." From Oklahoma City: "I believe his contacts with Negroes give him a clearer insight into minority problems." From Detroit: "He sets well in Asia and Africa." From Tuskegee: "He has the courage to act on vital questions and issues."

Meanwhile, Gov. Rockefeller received endorsement from



Symington



Kennedy



Brown



Johnson

East St. Louis: "I like his liberal attitude toward members of our race." From Chicago: "The Negro businessman would get a better break."

Although the Negro Republicans favored Nixon and endorsed Stevenson as an opposition candidate, there was no such clear cut selection of a Democratic candidate among Negro Democrats.

Out of 200 Negro Democrats who were asked the same question as to their Presidential preferences, the following results were obtained:

Adlai Stevenson	33.8%
Hubert Humphrey	33.8%
G. Mennen Williams	11.3%
John F. Kennedy	8.5%
Stuart Symington	7.1%
Pat Brown	4.2%
Chester Bowles	1.4%

With a much smaller return, the Negro Democrats overwhelmingly endorsed ex-Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, while giving the Party's hardest runner, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy, a poor fourth.

In questioning the Democrats concerning their preference for opposition candidates on the Republican ticket, it is interesting to note that the Negro Democrats reciprocated with the Republicans by endorsing the candidates preferred by the Negro Republicans. The results were:

Richard Nixon	63.1%
Nelson Rockefeller	36.9%

The poll brings out that many of the Democratic candidates do not enjoy a wide contact with Negroes across the country. The surprising strength for Stevenson and Humphrey probably is due in part to their outspokenness on civil rights and in part to their long relationship with Negro groups.

Of Stevenson, the praise was great. Said a Montgomery, Ala., leader: "He is the only great statesman in the political arena. He is beyond a mere politician. He has great vision." Of Humphrey, a Norfolk, Va., pollster said: "A

Say Civil Rights Will Be Top Issue In '60 Race

liberal who thinks." The popularity of the Vice President among the Negro Democrats could pose a real threat to the Party in the event it should nominate a candidate who is not as well known. The results possibly could be a loss of the traditional 80 per cent of the Negro vote.

In response to the question: "What issue do you believe will be foremost to Negroes in the 1960 race?", the most typical reply was the tremendous emphasis on civil rights, while, on the other hand, only a few included economics or job opportunity or foreign affairs.

Some of the issues mentioned follow. Said one Lansing, Mich., leader: "Executive leadership or the lack of it in bringing an orderly end to segregation, North and South." Said a Minneapolis leader: "Civil rights and the support of the Supreme Court order on segregation." Said a Los Angeles spokesman: "Civil rights and labor." Said a Philadelphia man: "School and housing desegregation."

Leaders of both parties concurred wholeheartedly on the general subject of civil rights although some specified items such as Dixie voting barriers, while others mentioned the enforcement of the Supreme Court desegregation order for schools. This emphasis on civil rights is further enhanced by the similarity in the Presidential choices for both parties. Except for Sen. John Kennedy being on the GOP Big Three, both the Negro Dems and GOPers endorsed each other's candidates as their preferred opposition—indicating civil rights as a common denominator among Negro political leaders in the 1960 race.

Name Director Of Ohio Civil Rights Commission

Frank W. Baldau of Cleveland was named first executive director of the newly-created Ohio Civil Rights Comm., a body formed to ban racial discrimination in employment. Presently executive director of Cleveland's Community Relations Board, Baldau's new post pays \$12,000 annually.

Little Rock High Schools To Integrate 6

Four Little Rock high schools, closed for a year by Gov. Orval Faubus to block integration, were slated to open with at least two of them racially integrated. The School Board approved attendance of three Negroes at Central High, scene of mob violence in 1957, and three more at Hall High in the city's elite district. The Board also advanced the start of school to Aug. 12 (almost a month ahead of the normal date) in a move interpreted as an attempt to prevent Gov. Faubus from interfering. Meanwhile, the last of Little Rock's three private, all-white high schools closed because of financial difficulties. In other school integration developments:

- **In Dade County (Miami), Fla., Craven County, N. C., Alluwe, Okla, and Charlottesville, Va.:** Schools were scheduled to be integrated for the first time.
- **In Nashville:** School authorities laid plans for integration of the third grade in the city's gradual integration plan while the NAACP called for an end of "token" integration.
- **In Wilmington, Del.:** Negro plaintiffs appealed a court-approved plan of the State Board of Education to desegregate Delaware schools over a 12-year period.

Schoolmarm 1st Negro Principal In Berkeley, Calif.

A 32-year-old vice-principal, Mrs. Harriet G. Wood, was elevated to a principalship in Berkeley, Calif., and became the first Negro principal in the city. Supt. Carl H. Wennerberg said he recommended the appointment of Mrs. Wood as one of three new principals because "she is a superior teacher and administrator with high qualifications which deserve recognition." A graduate of Fisk University, Mrs. Wood had been vice-principal of the Lincoln School since 1958.



Mrs. Wood

Police Raid Interracial Meet At Tenn. School



In Monteagle, Tenn., police raided the Highlander Folk School, which has been under fire for conducting annual integration workshops, arrested its Negro director of education, Mrs. Septima P. Clark, 61, on a charge of illegally possessing whisky, and jailed three white men. The raid, held while 30 Negroes and 10 white girls and boys watched a movie following a

Mrs. Clark examines search warrant.
banquet, resulted in the arrest of Brent E. Barksdale, 21, Guy H. Carawan Jr., 32, and Perry M. Sturges Jr., 34, on charges of public drunkenness and interfering with police officers. Police, who said they confiscated quantities of rum, whisky and gin, said they will attempt to have the school closed.

Ga. School Head Fined In Shoplifting Case, Quits

A Fulton County (Ga.) elementary school principal resigned her post after she was fined on disorderly conduct charges growing out of her arrest for allegedly shoplifting in a downtown Atlanta store. Mrs. Earlene Christopher pleaded guilty to the disorderly conduct charges after she was accused of taking face powder, several undershirts and a bottle of pills from a Woolworth five and ten. Vehemently denying she had been shoplifting, Mrs. Christopher said she bought the items at another store, but lost her sales slip.

Charge Philly Clerk With Poison-Death Of Wife

A Philadelphia city clerk, John Littlejohn, 35, suspected of poisoning his 10-year-old daughter, his mother- and father-in-law and the family dog, was arrested and charged with murder in the May poison death of his 33-year-old wife, Pauline. Police had been unable to find the source of the poison until an exterminating company disclosed it had sold it to Littlejohn. An autopsy performed on Mrs. Littlejohn showed traces of a liquid poison similar to arsenic, police said. Smaller traces of the same poison were found in their daughter, Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, parents of the dead woman, and the family dog.

N. C. Man Hacks Wife To Death In Church

Carrying two butcher knives, 58-year-old Amos Crouch entered a church during holy communion and stabbed to death his wife, Nannie, 53, in Winston-Salem, N. C. Charged with murder, Crouch was hospitalized with a brain concussion suffered when members of the church subdued him.

Wife Dies Trying To Aid K. C. Man Pinned Under Car

A 36-year-old Kansas City, Kans., woman, Mrs. Fannie Carroll, 36, collapsed and died after she apparently suffered a heart attack while using a jack to lift an automobile that had fallen on her husband Eddie, 40.

'Dead Tired' Hubby 'Not That Tired'

Panicking after receiving letters from the Army suggesting she start processing insurance claims on the "death" of her retired Army sergeant husband, Mrs. William H. Suggs of Albuquerque, N. M., demanded he return home from his janitorial job to convince her it was a grave error. "It was like reading my own death warrant," remarked the 33-year-old medical dischargee later. "I knew I was tired, but not that tired."

JAZZ DRUMMER AND OKLAHOMA

When 29-year-old jazz drummer Kenny Dennis opened an engagement with Phineas Newborn's quartet at Oklahoma City's swanky Shangri-La Country Club July 4th, marriage was a thing that hadn't even entered his mind. One month later he married wealthy white oil heiress Jean McNiff, a member of the club that booked the band.

Following the ceremony, which was performed in Philadelphia's High St. Baptist Church by the Rev. Horace Sheppard, before Dennis' mother, Mrs. Helen Swilley, and a few close friends, the newlyweds paused in their New York honeymoon suite at the Henry Hudson Hotel and declared: "It was love at first sight."

The new bride has an income, it was learned, close

to \$100,000 yearly from royalties she receives as a majority stockholder in Petroleum Specialty Co., a firm which her late father, William Crall, set up in Texas.

Radiant and bubbling over with enthusiasm, the 23-year-old bride said she was prepared to face the obstacles of interracial marriage. Asked if her friends in the Shangri-La Club were shocked, she replied: "Surprisingly, I found no



Excited and happy, the Dennises pose for traditional cake-cutting.

OIL HEIRESS WED IN PHILLY

outward evidence of dismay among them and they all said if I was happy, that was what counted most of all." However, her mother, Mrs. Irma Frances Lyman, who has since remarried and lives in Houston, Texas, was said to have disapproved vehemently of her daughter's Negro mate.

Born in Greybull, Wyo., and reared in Albuquerque, N. Mex., Mrs. Dennis is a graduate of Ferry Hall in Lake Forest, Ill., one of the nation's top finishing schools for girls. When she met Dennis, she was living in Oklahoma City, where she maintained a seven-room mansion complete with swimming pool, a two-car garage and two house servants. The marriage to Dennis was the second for the slender heiress.

Dennis, who has played with the bands of Earl Bostic, Erroll Garner, Sonny Stitt and Miles Davis is currently appearing at the Birdland with the Newborn outfit. He started playing in a GI band at Ft. Dix and later went overseas to Okinawa. His current plans include a combination business-honeymoon trip to Europe this fall and then will probably return to further his musical training at Juilliard Music School. The Dennises are presently apartment-hunting in New York, but are making plans to purchase a home in Englewood, N. J.



At reception at Sugar Ray's tavern, boxing champ kisses bride.

FOREIGN NEWS

Ex-Haitian President, 87, Marries In Hospital

The former president of Haiti, Stenio Vincent, an 87-year-old bachelor, was married to Mrs. Maurice Etienne in the hospital where he is living at Canape Vert, Haiti. Vincent has been blind for more than a decade.

White Africans Protest Native Hospital Chief

Already banned from performing autopsies on dead whites in Southern Rhodesia, Dr. Samuel Parerenyatwa, a Negro medic, faced new hostility after he was named sole medical officer of a 190-bed hospital in the Antelope mine area, where there are 600 white settlers and 51,000 Africans. One white housewife declared: "It is going too far to expect women patients to accept a black doctor." Replied the Salisbury Evening Standard: "If this kind of hidebound prejudice against the emergent African professional man exists, there is no hope for racial cooperation in this country."



■ **Floored Demonstrator:** After his shirt was almost ripped off during a meeting on Central Africa at the Central Hall in Westminster, London, a demonstrator rolls on floor. Meeting, organized by three African organizations, discussed freedom for British colonies in Africa.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

TOGETHERNESS OF THE WEEK. In Atlanta, when police raided a lottery "bank" and jailed Mrs. Margaret (Josie) Hodges, 50, for the 41st time, they respected the principle of "togetherness" and picked up her two sons, Paul, 20, and Albert, 19.

EMERGENCY OF THE WEEK. In Meridian, Miss., fire truck companies from all over the city rushed to answer repeated fire alarms, found on arrival at the "scene of emergency" an 18-year-old lad trying to mail a letter in a fire alarm box.

CONCEALMENT OF THE WEEK. In Donaldsonville, Ga., Sheriff Dan White thought R. L. Leggett somewhat overdressed for 90-degree weather, found after taking a second look Leggett was wearing two pair of trousers and seven and one-half pints of "moonshine."

REHEARSAL OF THE WEEK. Bedecked in his "Fez" and string tie, Ricky Von Fleet, a Los Angeles German Pointer, takes a cane from his master, Shriner Ulysses S. Bowman, in preparation for his role in Shriner's parade during 58th annual convention of the Imperial Council in Los Angeles, Aug. 16-22. Pedigreed dog has won five trophies in competition. 



RELIGION

Says Bias Divides Clergy, Congregation In South

A theology professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, said the problem of racial segregation has hurt churches in the South. Dr. Douglas E. Jackson, speaking in Evanston, Ill., said the strongest religious leadership for integration comes from pastors and religious educators although the majority of the lay members are opposed to an end in segregation. He also said support for integration has not come from administrative superiors of the major denominations.

Church Leader Fined For Harlem Housing Violation

A Harlem housing management agent for the Rev. Robert C. Lawson, founder-pastor of Refuge Temple, was fined \$525 in Housing Court for violating fire control laws in a 5-story Harlem tenement the minister owned. Magistrate Evelyn Richman told Mrs. Harriette Holmes, agent for Rev. Lawson, "Let's have no more fooling around." The fine was for leaving inflammable material in the hallways and basement of the tenement building.

■ **Drives End:** At close of joint Ebony-Friendship Baptist Church subscription drive, Mrs. Gertrude Williams (l.), Johnson Publishing Co. vice president, presents \$2,057 check to Rev. S. J. Hall in Chicago. Mmes. Pearl Washington (c.) Lois Madison award George (Mr. Ebony) Clemons.



■ Integrated Baptism: Being submerged into baptismal pool at Brooks Baptist Church, Brooks, Ky., by the Rev. Chester C. Carden, Betty Ann Stokes, 12, becomes fifth Negro member at church. Alabama-born cleric took over integrated pastorate two years ago, admitted he had to "overcome own prejudices."



Pope John XXIII Receives Harlem Globetrotters

Pope John XXIII was dwarfed as he received the famous, world-roaming Harlem Globetrotters basketball troupe at Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer villa near Rome.

In Montclair, N. J., St. Marks Methodist Church drive is closed as Ebony's W. E. Jackson (l.-c.) hands \$2,195 check to Sylvester Summey (l.) Rev. W. A. Harewood. Top fundraiser Lillian Johnson is crowned by Mrs. Inez Harewood as Mmes. Ma'ilda Jackson (c.), Elizabeth Harris watch.





West Coast

Los Angeles Newsreel: Not all Los Angeles mothers are content to sit at home and mind the babies. Take for instance **Mrs. Gloria Wilson**, 23-year-old mother of three, who has taken up the new sport of sky diving. That's leaping from an airplane and making like a bird before releasing the parachute, in case you didn't know. She claims the distinction of being the first Negro woman to try it . . . Att'n Chicago columnists: **Joe Louis'** daughter, **Jacqueline**, vacationing with her father in L. A., has decided she wants to stay and live with him for a while . . . **Tommy Tucker** had a narrow escape in an auto accident about a block from his Playroom niter. He smashed into a parked car and had to have four stitches taken in his lip after his face was thrown against the steering wheel, knocking out a tooth. Total damage: \$400 . . . Look for the local Teamster's Union to make headlines. Ex-New Yorker, **Andrew Saunders**, a union member for 19 years in the beer industry back east, is bringing discrimination charges against the L. A. local, claiming they refused to honor his transfer and gave him back his dues . . . Unhappy Ladies Dept.: after 25 years the woman's charity club, The Silver Slippers, has split. **Mrs. Myrtle Albert**, ex-president,

is now president of the broken off faction called The Fascinating Versatile Guild. They've slated **Louis Jordan** for a Sept. 20 dance . . . If you like missiles, here's a chance to see one close up. **Sgt. Carl Martin** of the Florence Ave. Army and Air Force station is hosting at Open House Aug. 15.



Tommy Tucker

Round Up



Entertainment Row: Bandleader Lionel Hampton, who's making the entire summer at Las Vegas' Riviera, is huddling with comedian Red Skelton over an album idea. It'll be Hamp's music and Red's narration . . . If Angelenos missed Virginia Parrish, she's back home now after five-and-a-half years in Australia as "Bloody Mary" in the touring company of *South Pacific*. Her comment: "It's amazing how little they (the Aussies) know about the American Negro." She says there are no Ebony magazines on sale in Australia, and the closest point where she could buy it was in Athens, Greece . . . Here's a tip: there'll be a new singing group making their debut before long. They are the stair-step children of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sylvers, ages four to seven. Ed Sullivan and singer Della Reese heard them in Las Vegas and Sullivan predicted stardom for the foursome.

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Scouting The West Coast: It was a quick trip to British Columbia for Louisville, Ky.'s J. E. Hankins, Mammoth Life Insurance Co. prexy. He houseguested with John Holloman, board chairman of the same company . . . San Francisco and the luxury liner Matsonia afforded the proper atmosphere for a private going-away cocktail party for Los Angeles realtor H. A. Howard and his wife, Dorothy. Two friends, L. A. businessman Arthur Bell and wife, Stella, flew up for the aboardship party and to see the couple off for three weeks in the Hawaiian Islands.

—ED CLAYTON.



Della Reese

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Edwin C. Berry, Chicago Urban League director, commenting on the effects of Elijah Muhammad's black supremacy religious sect: "*A guy like this Moslem leader makes a lot more sense than I do to the man in the street who's getting his teeth kicked out. I have a sinking feeling that Elijah Muhammad is very significant.*"

Nipsey Russell, the comic, explaining to a spectator in Chicago why jazz organist Jimmy Smith purchased a funeral hearse: "*He got it just in case his act dies.*"

Rev. Carlyle F. Stewart, pastor of People's Community Church in Detroit, to his congregation: "*It is not the devil who keeps Christians from getting up Sunday morning to go to church. It was the devil who kept them from going to bed so they would feel like getting up.*"

Jesse Doffies Smith, 42, in a final statement before dying in the electric chair for the murder of T. H. Wong, a Chinese grocer killed in a Houston holdup: "*Well, I just think I got a trick deal, that's all.*"

Louis Armstrong explaining why he never takes a vacation: "*You got to go out some place where there's snakes and all that stuff that I don't know nothing about.*"

Harry Golden, in his new book, *For 2¢ Plain*, discussing Negroes: "*The conduct of the Southern Negro in the controversy over segregation will be recorded as one of the most noble stories of the human spirit.*"



Jamal

Ahmad Jamal, the jazz pianist, explaining why he changed his name from Fritz Jones: "*I haven't adopted a name. It's a part of my ancestral background and heritage. I have re-established my original name. I have gone back to my own vine and fig tree.*"



**THE WEEK'S
BEST PHOTOS**

Chicago Tribune

■ **Duke Charms Co-eds:** After serenading 350 "sophisticated young ladies" with piano excerpts from his compositions, Duke Ellington is surrounded by jubilant fans at the Chicago Tribune's annual college mixer in the Sherman Hotel. Co-eds represented department stores.



New York Daily News

■ **Launches 'Play Week':** Going through dance routine with teen-age girls on steps of New York City Hall, Mayor Robert Wagner takes time out to kick off "Children's Summer Play Week," intended to demonstrate recreation available to city's youngsters.



UPI

■ Long And Short Of It: Apparently unaware that there is a regulation in Rome against wearing clothes that are too revealing, two chatting tourists' scanty attire contrasts sharply with the long cassock worn by an unidentified priest hurrying from a railroad station.





CUTIE WITH AN ANGLE

Reeling in plenty of attention, pretty Patricia Spriggs, 21, poises on a sunny patch of ground to pursue one of her favorite pastimes. An outdoor girl, the New Yorker works as a clerk and part-time model and is a basket-ball, bowling, and horseback riding enthusiast.

G. Marshall Wilson



William P. Lanier

■ **Guest Dodgers:** Stepping into new roles, singer Nat King Cole (l.) and former UCLA All-American Kenny Washington (c.) don Dodger uniforms to join team of coaches in three-inning pre-game play against Los Angeles Dodgers. With them is Junior Gilliam (r.).



Berk Costello

■ **Drummer And Heiress Bride:** Showing his new bride, the former Jean McNiff, wealthy Oklahoma City oil heiress, how he intends making a living to support them, jazz drummer Kenny Dennis delights attractive mate following their Philadelphia marriage. (See Mr. and Mrs.)

GERRI MAJOR'S SOCIETY

WEDDINGS This fall Howard University co-ed Barbara Burke will remove Lt. Mervin O. Parker Jr., from the stag line. The Notre Dame University grad is on active duty with the Army Chemical Corps at Fort McClellan, Ala. . . . When Fisk graduate Alva Eleanor James became the bride of Millard F. McNeal Jr. of the U. S. Air Force in a ceremony at San Antonio's Second Baptist Church, her brother, the Rev. S. H. James, officiated and another brother, the Rev. Alexander James of Chicago, gave her in marriage.



■ **Sara Lou Harris Weds:** After their wedding in Georgetown, British Guiana, New York model Sara Lou Harris and Atty. John Carter sign register at church. (Margurite Belafonte, matron of honor, observes.) Couple, who will live in Georgetown, leave (r.) for honeymoon on Tobago.



WORLD



► **Atlanta Aloha:** Hosting Hawaiian luau (feast), Atlanta Smart Set members pause for refreshment. Included are (l.-r.) Eula Cohen, Ernestine Thompson, Ella Stanley, Dorothy Geiger, Sarah Richardson, Gwendolyn McCormick, Juanita Williams, Dorothy Gaines, Robbie Harper.



PARTY FARE. With the usual flair that has established him as one of the East's top hosts, Clay Claiborne master-minded the opening of Atlantic City's newest and most exciting play house, the Golden Key Yacht Club. Slips are available for 18 boats, beds for eight landlubbers, seafood for gourmets, and bottled beverages for members. Annual dues are a low \$25 . . . Talk of Baltimore is the bon voyage soiree hosted by Dr. Barnett Rhetta, who poured champagne on the floor for guests to dance in.



■ **Judge's Son Weds:** Exchanging vows in one of Los Angeles' most fashionable weddings, Thomas L. Griffith III, son of Judge Thomas L. Griffith, was married to Los Angeles State College senior Nancy Scruggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Scruggs. Over 500 attended reception at Fox Hills Country Club.

TRAVELOGUE Chicago's Dr. Evans T. Walker, a Meharry and Loyola grad, and first Negro chief of dental surgery at Catherine Booth Hospital, holidayed on Lake Michigan in his 32-foot cabin cruiser with his daughter Cheryl and wife, the former Betty Mack of Savannah . . . A. Maceo and Harriet Walker of Memphis planed to Hawaii and returned to California by cruise ship. During their absence, daughter Patricia kept an eye on the family business. The Fisk senior daily drove her new Thunderbird to the Universal Life Insurance Co. offices and to the bank of which her father is president . . . New Yorker-BOAC staffer Theo Taliaferro, who spends his money where he earns it—on gifts of BOAC plane tickets—is a "traveling woman's" choice.



STORY OF THE WEEK Asked if she believed in reincarnation, Ann Kennard, personnel chief for the New York City Health Department laughed: "Indeed yes. I witness a demonstration every day at five o'clock when dead employees come to life in time to go home."

COCKTAIL CHIT CHAT Wendell and Betty Granger Reid, who deserted New York for sunnier Kingston, Jamaica, BWI, live in a mansion and are served by three maids. Wendell is a sports promoter; Betty writes for the island's leading daily, the Gleaner, and has a night-time radio show beamed by the new Jamaica Broadcasting Co. . . . That recently separated Westchester couple is having long talks with lawyers. She wants the house, car and \$75 per week . . . Said an NAACP'er from behind the "Cotton Curtain:" "We have some white folks who are so backward that if you can write your name, you're an egghead." . . . St. Louis-born cartoonist E. Simms Campbell, who lives in Herrliberg, Switzerland, signs letters to friends in the States: "Your Swiss chocolate friend." He recently gave one of his famous chalk-talks for the American Women's Club of Zurich, of which his wife, Vivienne, is a member. . . . Bronxite Henry J. Pruitt Sr., who recently retired after 31 years as a mail carrier, is the first Negro president of the 40-year-old Church Usher Assoc. of Greater New York. He has been a deacon for 30 years.



▀ Games And Champagne: Attending pre-Pan-American Games champagne sip in Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robichaux (l.) discuss the Aug. 27-Sept. 7 sports pageant with committee members Arnold Maremount (2nd l.) and Victor Perlmotter.



* PEOPLE ARE

- * The church services in Prophet Jones' Detroit mansion which started on a Sunday afternoon and continued (with loud organ and loud speaker) until the wee hours of the morning. Irate neighbors summoned cops, accused the 52-year-old cult leader of operating a nuisance.
- * One of Washington's top civic leaders who is tiring of his post-marital bachelor life and is telling his friends and anybody who will listen how bad he wants his divorced mate back.
- * The way Jim Bradford, the six-foot, 265-pound, Howard University student, billed as "World's Second Strongest Man," is preparing for the Pan-American games in Chicago. The big weightlifter starts his day with a breakfast of a dozen eggs, a pound of bacon, a loaf of bread and a quart of milk.
- * How a 47-year-old Philadelphian, sentenced to 30-60 years in prison on his conviction of six morals charges, lured his youthful victims. The boys testified the man promised them free singing lessons.
- * Ex-New Orleans dancer Jay Journet who's making a name for himself in Paris where he just opened a restaurant featuring a creole menu, a new delicacy in the French capital.
- * The outspoken disgust expressed by ex-gridder Claude (Buddy) Young after attending a theater performance in Washington, where a top male singer, featured in the show, took his turn on stage so "stoned" he could only give out with a mere fraction of his singing talent. Said Buddy, who has a disc jockey show in Baltimore: "It'll be a long time before I play another one of his records on my show."

TALKING ABOUT

- * The tirade a famous singer (equally noted for her love of her hair in the "raw") unleashed upon an unsuspecting Chicago male beautician who spotted her in a restaurant and courteously handed her his card. The temperamental lady exploded of her disdain for beauty parlors much to the embarrassment of the gent.
- * The Houston preacher who was arrested while in the company of friends who were consuming alcoholic beverages after the city's midnight curfew hours. The pleading minister persuaded the raiders to let him go before the wagon came. Three of his drinking associates however, had to "tell it to the judge."
- * The suggestion a Toledo nitery now serving Negroes makes to its potential customers. In a newspaper advertisement, the management reminds of its no discrimination policy and tips its patrons to wear coats.
- * The St. Louis undertaker who passed out souvenirs among mourners of a knifing victim as his body was being lowered into the grave at the cemetery. The souvenir—for each of the 100 or so mourners—a five inch knife.
- * How small policewoman Theda Y. Bishop handled two Detroit men fighting on street when they refused her "break it up" plea. Pulling her service revolver, she placed the two husky men under arrest, delivered them to the station with one in the back seat and one in the front seat, with her gun at her side.
- * The ease with which bootleg whiskey can be purchased in North Philadelphia almost in the shadow of State stores. But no complaints are heard, however, since a goodly number of Negroes earn enough to keep them in Caddys.

CRIME

Atlanta Maid Accuses White Employer Of Rape

A 20-year-old maid accused a 30-year-old Atlanta white father of five, in whose house she was employed, of raping her while she was changing clothes in the family bathroom. The attractive wife and the mother of Jack Hoover Craig, who was jailed on suspicion of rape, went to police headquarters and sat beside the maid as she gave a statement to detectives. Police found the maid at the home of one of Craig's neighbors, who summoned them after allegedly hearing screams and seeing the woman flee the Craig home.

Parole Disbarred Baton Rouge, La., Attorney

A disbarred Baton Rouge attorney was paroled from the Louisiana State Penitentiary after serving eight months of a three-year sentence on a worthless check conviction. Alex L. Pitcher Jr., 34, was sentenced and disbarred after he was convicted of issuing \$1,633 in worthless checks during disposition of a client's estate.

Fine Memphian, Say He Asked White Girl For Date

A 33-year-old Negro postman, charged with telephoning a white 23-year-old secretary and asking for a date, was fined \$51 in a Memphis court. Marion Biddle Ford denied the charges and hired a lawyer for an appeal. Betty Little said Ford came to her office after a Negro man who had been telephoning and sending her presents said he would call in person. The caller said she would know him because "I'm tall, dark and handsome" and would be wearing a large diamond ring."

D. C. Laborer Held In Death Of Nude White Woman

A Washington, D. C., laborer, Alger Cheeks, 56, was charged with homicide after police found the nude body of a white woman, Mrs. Patricia Hester, 42, in a suburban Maryland driveway. Police said Cheeks admitted the woman died in his apartment after an evening of drinking and he became frightened then dumped her body near Upper Marlboro, Md. An autopsy revealed the woman died from lobar pneumonia.

Trio Try To Stop Rape Of 2 White Girls, Nab 3

Three Negroes, armed with a gun and knife, allegedly raped two white girls, 18 and 20, in LaGrange, Ga., after taking them from their escorts and three other Negroes who tried to protect them. George Alford Jr., 18, of Dayton, Ohio, Clifford Johnson, 22, and Brannon Epps, 25, of LaGrange were held without bond after the women said the drunk young men raped them twice in a pickup truck. Sheriff I. W. Bailey said the victims appealed to Negro Horace Lawson and his date, Mildred Ruskin, on the street and they flagged down Robert Hubbard as the Negroes "did everything they could to stop the attack" but were powerless against the weapons.

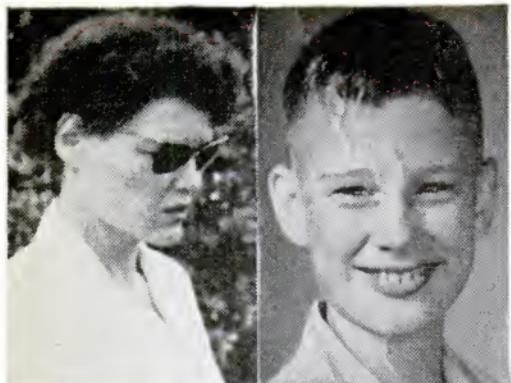
Indict White Boy, 10 Others In Chicago Bus Slaying

Charged with fatally shooting John DePriest Jr., 33, a Chicago bus driver and cousin of former Congressman Oscar DePriest, a 16-year-old white youth and ten other teen-agers were indicted for murder by a Cook County grand jury. Police said William Weber admitted firing the .22 caliber pistol which killed DePriest after a gang waited for him at the bus terminal following an argument. Mrs. Dannette DePriest who witnessed her husband's slaying as he left work, collapsed at the inquest.



The accused killer . . . the victim . . . the murder weapon.

WHITE MOTHER ASKS TOLERANCE



Mrs. Bodenheimer had sorrow, no bitterness over son William's death.

hysteria and launched one of the city's greatest manhunts for a sex fiend. Prime suspect: a 25-year-old white man who twice tried to lure small girls into his automobile in the area where the Bodenheimer boy's body was found.

Then police suddenly reversed their field, came up with the startling charge that the horrible crime had been committed by seven Negro boys ranging in age from 13 to 17 years and offered their signed confessions as evidence. What had been hysteria was replaced by cold fury, and whites talked of nothing else, tension grew.

And while five of the youths were in custody of juvenile authorities, the court quickly set September 21 as the murder trial date for Adrian Johnson and Joe Edward Smith, both 17. Still tempers soared.

In the first two weeks after her son's murder, Doris Bodenheimer, a 33-year-old nurse shared her counsel with no one, then, after watching the angry turn of events, sadly wrote an open letter to a Houston paper. It said:

"Since my son's death I have been largely sustained by the sincere sympathy of the whole community, but the attitude on the part of some of them has alarmed me. I have felt from the beginning that some abstract evil force had killed my son. The person or persons re-

Almost no one knew white, 12-year-old William Merrill Bodenheimer III until Houston (Texas) police pried his nude body from an ice box in an abandoned shack last month. And because he had been sexually abused before suffocating, police were quick to caution parents against

IN SON'S BRUTAL SEX SLAYING

sponsible is ill and to find a scapegoat will not absolve society from its share of guilt.

"People who are oppressed and deprived by society hit back. Finding my son's murderer will not keep alive some child who now lives—more murderers will be bred by the conditions which bred his murderer.

"As long as we foster the sickness of slums and segregation, we shall all be inflicted by it.

"This is not to say that I am convinced of the guilt of current suspects, but merely that the anger directed against them would be put to better use if turned toward those conditions which breed crime."

The letter triggered an immediate reaction—good and bad. For while some whites wrote vicious and abusive letters to Unitarian Bodenheimer over the stand she had taken, still others wrote open letters to the press supporting her position.

"I suppose society needs to be protected from criminals," Mrs. Bodenheimer told JET last week, "but I am not interested in a severe penalty for my son's killers, whoever they were. The thing that prompted me to write the letter was that some people wanted to condemn the whole Negro race because those boys have been accused. I strongly resent it."

And just as Mrs. Bodenheimer was not convinced of the



Adrian
Johnson



Joe E.
Smith



David A.
Clemons



Ira A.
Saddler



Charles
Archer

Youths Say Police Denied Them Lie Detector Tests



Dr. Thompson declines judgment, only wants best defense for boy.

A top white Texas criminal lawyer, Percy Froman publicly expressed doubt of the boys' guilt in the crime that apparently no one witnessed. However, he declined to take the case.

The boys claimed they had been boxing about the time the crime was committed. Four adults backed their alibi declaring they watched the youths box. Adrian Johnson and Joe Edward Smith, the boys slated to stand trial for murder, claimed they had been beaten for a total of eight days, both before and after making "forced" confessions.

The youths claim police denied their requests to take a lie detector test to establish their innocence of the vicious crime. Police denied both charges.

At week's end Houston appeared calmer than at any time since the crime was committed, though parents of the accused were still receiving threatening letters from the crackpot element.

And as they moved closer to the date of trial, Negroes and a goodly portion of whites who are against bigotry and violence were praying that justice will be done in September.

guilt of the seven accused, so were many others in doubt. A leading Houston physician, Dr. Charles W. Thompson, conferred with medical colleagues and people from all walks of life to see that the youths obtained the best defense obtainable. Members of both races pledged to the defense fund Dr. Thompson started.

Howard Med Student Joins Public Health Reserve Plan

Kenneth L. Bryant, a student at the Howard University School of Medicine in Washington, D. C., was among 100 students from 53 professional schools who were placed on temporary duty with the U. S. Public Health Service under the new Commissioned Officer Student Training and External Program.

File \$75,000 Damage Suit Against Atlanta Hospital

A \$75,000 damage suit against Atlanta's McLendon Hospital was filed by a former patient, Mrs. Amy Perkins, 53, on charges that the hospital was negligent in hiring a nurse who instructed her to take a dose of oil of wintergreen which caused her pain and permanent injuries.

K. C. Medics Protest Dismissal Of 2 Negro Doctors

Protesting the sudden dismissal of two Negro physicians, Roland Welch and Clinton Battle, from the Kansas City General Hospital resident staff, the Kansas City Medical Society urged the hospital to reconsider its action.

■ **\$1.3 Million Expansion:** Marking start of \$1.3 million expansion of the 33-year-old Houston Negro Hospital, Mayor Lewis Cutrer (2nd l.) and Oscar Weyrich break ground as Hospital Administrator James A. Robinson (l.) and Judge Wilmer Hunt watch.



CRUSADER WITHOUT VIOLENCE

By L. D. Reddick

■ Alabama's Rev. Martin L. King Jr. survived death twice, long before bombs crescendoed the dramatic Montgomery bus boycott. Both crises occurred in his boyhood. The first came when his grandmother, a second mother to him, was accidentally knocked unconscious. Thinking her dead, young King hurled himself out of a second-floor window at his parents' Atlanta home. The 12-foot fall left him uninjured.

■ The Rev. Mr. King's second major crisis came in May 1941. This time his grandmother died of a heart attack. Again he jumped out of the second-story window, was badly shaken but escaped injury. These and other generally unknown facts about the sensitive reformer highlight a biography, *Crusader Without Violence* (Harper & Brothers, \$3.95) by Dr. L. D. Reddick, an Alabama State College history professor and author of one other book.

■ Fishing for the passive resistance apostle in the swift currents of 30 years of history, Reddick now glimpses a boy so non-violent he never fights except in defense of his sister or brother, now finds an adolescent working during his Morehouse College summers in an Atlanta mattress factory or a Connecticut tobacco field, now sees a scholarly adult researching a 343-page Ph.D. dissertation while wooing his wife-to-be with such phrases as: "I am like Napoleon at Waterloo before your charms."

■ That Reddick has labored long and painstakingly to fathom one of the great men of modern times is abundantly evident. But objective readers, presented with an array of the minister's strengths, may ask: "What are his weaknesses?" (The book can be obtained from Ebony Bookstore, 1820 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 16, Ill.)—A.P.



Dr. Reddick

Pa. Matron Gets \$2,000 Creative Writing Fellowship

Mrs. Kristin Hunter, a Philadelphia advertising agency copy writer who has been writing a book in her spare time, received a \$2,000 John Hay Whitney fellowship for creative writing. Several major New York publishing houses have shown interest in the manuscript. Mrs. Hunter received the fellowship on the promise of a fiction novel on Negro life, tentatively titled *God Bless The Child*, and other evidences of writing ability—which include a TV script (*A Minority Of One*) which was used on the NBC show, *Lamp Unto My Feet*, in 1957. The script won a \$1,500 prize in the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic original television script contest in 1955. A native of Magnolia, N. J., and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Hunter is the wife of Joseph Hunter, a journalist employed by the Philadelphia Tribune.



Writer Kristin Hunter at work.

To Translate Novel 'Trumbull Park' Into German

The novel, *Trumbull Park*, a story of racial violence in Chicago, will be translated into German and published in West Germany by the Knecht Verlag Publishing Co., the largest firm in Frankfurt, Henry Regnery Publishing Co., publishers of the book, announced in Chicago. Meanwhile, author Frank Brown revealed that his recently-completed play, *Trumbull Park*, based on the book, has been accepted by two producers of the Schubert Theater chain.

Ray Norton Equals 200 Meter World Record

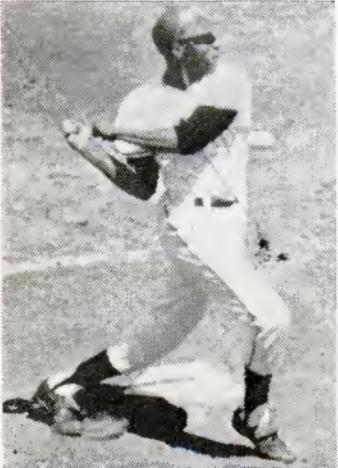
San Jose (Calif.) College sprinter Ray Norton equalled the world's record for the 200-meter dash, running the distance in 20.6 seconds at an international track and field meet in Goteborg, Sweden. He also won the 100-meter dash in 10.4 seconds. Frank Potts from Colorado, coach of the U. S. team, told JET: "Norton has truly earned the rating of world's fastest human."

GIANTS' GIANT ROOKIE SPARKING

Dog-tired from lack of sleep and a four-hour flight from Phoenix, Ariz., 6-foot-4, 200-pound Willie McCovey stepped off a plane in San Francisco, one morning a couple of weeks ago, then hurried to the Giants ball park for batting practice. Three hours later he was in his first major league game, feeling like any 21-year-old rookie "a little nervous and shaky."

Stepping to the plate against Philadelphia's Robin Roberts, Willie smashed two triples and two singles to help snap a four-game losing streak, served notice he may be the reason San Francisco wins its first pennant. "That was my greatest baseball thrill," recalled the Mobile, Ala.-born, first baseman. "I felt like I'd been here all year."

To prove it, Willie singled in the winning run the next night, followed with a pair of doubles and a single. In another game he got only one hit. It traveled 390 feet into the right field bleachers for a two-run homer—the victory margin.



Giants pennant may depend on McCovey's bat.

Sugar Ray To Defend Title In Boston

Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson, recognized as world titlist only in New York and Massachusetts, announced that he will defend his crown against Paul Pender at Boston Gardens December 5. It will be Robinson's first fight since he won the championship from Carmen Basilio in Chicago Stadium in March 1958. Because of his failure to fight, the NBA vacated Robinson's title on May 4. Promoter Sam Silverman, who will promote the fight, said Robinson will get 42½ per cent of the gate.

FRISCO'S DRIVE FOR PENNANT

Seventh oldest in a non-athletic family of six brothers and two sisters, Willie could not play baseball at Mobile's Central High School because it had no team. He starred instead as a football end, signed a Giant contract without a bonus during what would have been his senior year (1955), then went to their Sandersfield, Ga., Class B team.

When the Giants brought him up, Willie was leading the Pacific Coast League with a .377 batting average, 29 homers, 11 triples and 92 runs-batted-in. Confident without being cocky, he says of the National League's highly-touted pitchers: "They all gotta come over the plate and I figure I gotta hit some of them." At week's end he was doing that at a .467 clip.



Congratulated by another Willie (Mays), bat boy, McCovey ends homer jaunt.



THE WAY I SEE IT

By ROY CAMPANELLA

With the hue and cry that spreads over sports pages these days about a proposed third major league, one thing about it is as sure as Hank Aaron's batting eye. There'll be more room for Negro ball players in big-money baseball. It happened in the late 40s, when the American and National Leagues opened their gates, and it'll be even more true if the Continental League gets into play in 1961.

Watching baseball in the Negro leagues over the years, I've seen a good many players who really deserved major league contracts. But because of assorted reasons they could never find employment in the big-time. I can think of 10 or a dozen offhand who own all of the qualifications. Some have an age factor against them —too many years in baseball. A few others are young and unseasoned. Not ready yet, even for the minors.

So the Negro leagues are still an untapped source for some of the 200-odd professionals the Continentals will need to begin full-scale operation. It is already certain that American and National League owners will be more than reluctant to waive rights on the players they now control. Maybe it'll take an act of Congress to loosen them up.

One angle, for example, is to set a limit on the number of players a club can legally own. Some of the clubs today, with highly-developed farm systems, own rights on 300 to 400 players. If Congress rewrites the law so that each club can control only 75 to 80 players it's a sure bet that some of these will be free for play in the league.

Baseball Clown King Tut Sent To Mental Hospital

King Tut, 48, star funster on the Indianapolis Clowns baseball team for more than 30 years, is confined to the mental ward of Philadelphia General Hospital and doctors revealed his condition is so serious he will be moved to a state mental hospital. Tut suffered a memory lapse enroute to spring training at St. Petersburg, Fla., was picked up by police and returned by air to Philadelphia where he was hospitalized.



King Tut

Althea Gibson Back In Tennis Tourney Circuit

Tennis champion Althea Gibson returns to the tournament circuit this month as a member of the four-woman team that will play in the Pan-American Games in Chicago Aug. 27-Sept. 7. Miss Gibson quit competitive play a year ago to undertake a singing career. She said her re-year ago to undertake a singing career.

■ Right On The Nose: Smashing a hard right to the face of Reno heavyweight Howard King, No. 2 contender Zora Folley sends challenger sagging to canvas for nine count at Sacramento, Calif. King dropped opponent for seven count in second round, but Folley won decision.



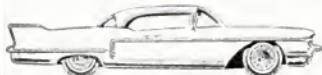
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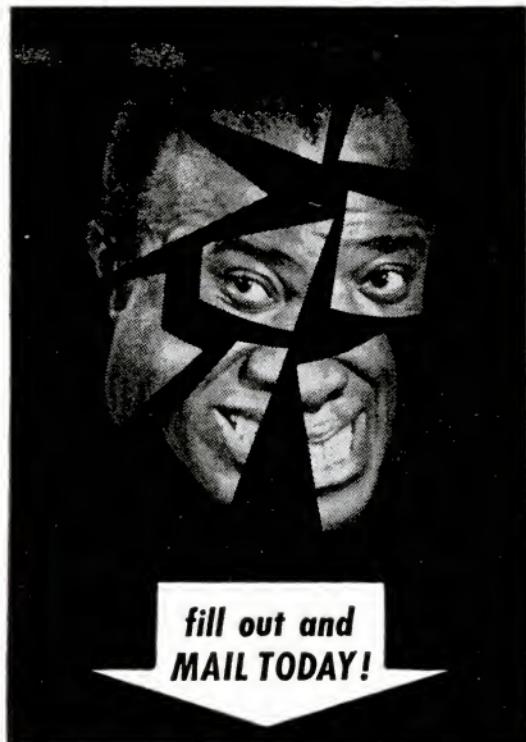
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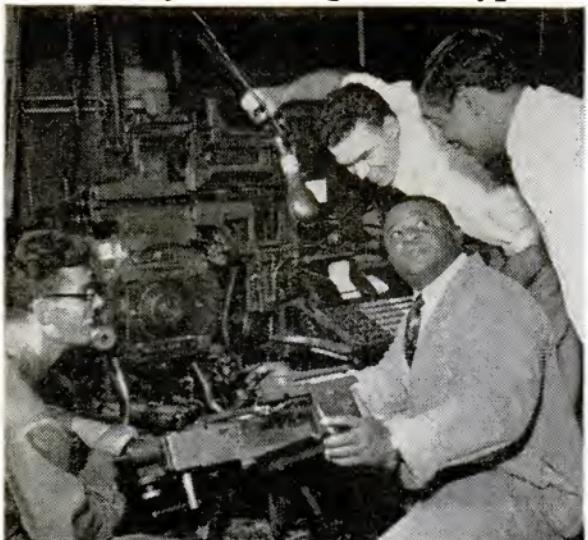
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BUSINESS

Owner Says Sole Negro Linotype School Bankrupt



Jenkins (seated) instructs students.

bought the school for \$50,000 in 1950, but has been unable to afford enough advertising to attract new students. The school is equipped to handle 450 students, but now has only 15 trainees, providing only \$3,200 a month in income. Alabama-born Jenkins, a one-time printer and typesetter, is in debt to two Wall St. mortgage firms for nearly \$80,000. Also among his 10 top creditors are Harlem beauty shop owner Rose Morgan (for \$2,300) and Negro lawyer William Raines (\$2,500).

NAACP Stops Picketing Of N. Y. Liquor Stores

The New York NAACP withdrew picket lines from in front of Harlem liquor stores, but announced it was stepping up its drive to end discrimination against Negro wholesale liquor salesmen by seeking negotiations for an equitable system which totally disregards race in the assignment of sales personnel. The branch previously announced that there are only 72 Negro wholesale liquor salesmen out of a total of 1,800 in the city.

The nation's only Negro owned school for typesetters, the Empire Linotype School, Inc., filed a petition for bankruptcy in New York Federal Court, listing debts of \$109,370 and assets of \$129,617. The firm's president and director, Edwin G. Jenkins, said he

London Audiences Praise 'Raisin'; Critics Cool

The London premiere of *A Raisin In The Sun*, Lorraine Hansberry's prize-winning drama, was acclaimed by the audience but received little praise from the press critics. While most liked the acting—particularly Juanita Moore as the mother and Earle Hyman as the son—the reviewers thought the pace too slow. Alan Dent said in The News Chronicle that Miss Hansberry "will obviously write a better play when she learns to go straight forward and not round and round." The Daily Telegraph's W. A. Darlington called its development "slow and sometimes dull."

Segregation Costs New Orleans 1960 AFTRA Meet

The radio-TV actor's union, AFTRA, switched its 1960 convention sight from New Orleans to Washington, D. C., because Negro delegates would be unable to stop in top Crescent City hotels. AFTRA has an anti-segregation clause in its constitution. The site-switching took place at the windup of the 1959 AFTRA convention in Chicago.

Bandleader And Bride: Vacationing in New York after scoring in appearance at recent Newport Jazz Festival, British bandleader Johnny Dankworth and his bride, singer Cleo Laine, stroll along streets of nation's biggest town. Cleo, daughter of Negro dad, English mother, and Dankworth voiced surprise at liberal race policies in eastern U. S.



R & R Singer Jailed On Statutory Rape Charge

Rock 'n' Roll singer Billie Guy, a member of the popular Coasters, who recorded *Yakity-Yak* and *Charlie Brown* for Atco Records, was jailed in New York for the statutory rape of a white teenager. Guy, 23, was picked up in his room at Harlem's Hotel Theresa on the complaint of the mother of 16-year-old Sharon Morrison of suburban White-stone, N. Y. In a complaint signed by the mother, the girl said she submitted to Guy "willingly." Arraigned in Felony Court, he was freed under \$500 bail.

DINAH WASHINGTON WEDS SIXTH

Already a veteran on the matrimonial treadmill, blues belter Dinah Washington revealed last week that she married her sixth husband July 10 aboard a chartered boat off Stockholm, Sweden. Meanwhile, her fifth husband, tenor saxman Eddie Chamblee, disclosed he too had remarried. Now legally Mrs. Horatio Maillard, wife of a 27-year-old New York taxi driver, Dinah said the cere-

mony was performed by a Stockholm minister, added she rented the boat and sailed out beyond Sweden's three-mile coastal boundary to detour a required three-week waiting period. Marital bliss had come at the end of a three-week personal appearance tour.

"I tried to get King Gustav to perform the wedding," said Dinah of the vacationing Swedish monarch, "but he was away on a gig."

Dinah's sixth marriage



New mate ended Dinah's
Swedish tour with marriage.

'European Bug' Bites 'Satchmo', Plans Annual Tour

Clad in Bermuda shorts and perspiring heavily after a recording session in Chicago, 69-year-old trumpeter Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong admitted he had been bitten by the "European Bug" and plans a trip to the Continent next year and "every year." Louis added "It's great. Everybody over there is wonderful, really wonderful." Asked if he planned to take a vacation, "Satchmo" growled "take a vacation? Man, I just had one. A week in the hospital and some more rest at home."

HUBBY; FIFTH ALSO REMARRIES

came less than a month after Chamblee divorced her in Chicago (on grounds of desertion), then married Windy City model Olivia Wheeler in Acapulco, Mexico. Chamblee and his first wife had been legally separated under New York law for more than a year after a bitter and widely-publicized row in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dinah's newest husband, a native New Yorker who had never married, comes from a family which owned and lived on Harlem property recently razed and now the site of a luxury development in which she lives. Presently ranked third among the nation's 20 top tune makers for her oldie, *What A Difference A Day Makes*, the blues queen says of her newest adventure: "Who knows if it'll last, but we both hope so."

Said Chamblee of his marriage to a onetime divorcee: "Believe me, I'm very happy."



Chamblee wed Olivia Wheeler two days after his divorce.



Stitt, Davis (l.) along with Smith, Staton, Daddy-O Daylie celebrate record show at Chicago's South Park Steak House.

Miles Davis Package Show Sets Chicago Record

An \$18,000 jazz package starring Miles Davis, Dakota Staton, Sonny Stitt, Jimmy Smith and Nippsy Russell did a record \$44,000 business in seven days at Chicago's Regal Theater. The high-powered group shattered the previous \$36,000 record of a rock and roll production presented by Chicago disc jockey Al Benson in February 1957.

THE WEEK'S CENSUS

Died:

Mrs. Alma Dogan Johnson, Washington, D. C., pharmacist; of a heart attack; in her drug store . . . **Robert W. Brown**, former Montgomery, Ala., teacher and principal and manager of the Cleveland Court and Jackson Heights Housing Projects; of undisclosed causes; in Montgomery.

. . . **Aurelio Fernandez**, 36, Tampa, Fla., educator and civic leader; in an automobile accident at Scott, Ky., while returning to Tampa from Ann Arbor, Mich. . . . **Louis C. Kloptner**, Canton, Ohio, businessman; of a heart attack;

while driving from his home to his business.



▲ Actor Sidney Poitier didn't know until he read a stockholder's report that his wife, Juanita, invested \$4,000 in *A Raisin In The Sun*, the Broadway hit play in which he stars.

▲ Jackie Robinson is considering an offer to join the new Continental League in an advisory capacity.

▲ Back in the chorus line at New York's Savannah Cafe is Marion Egbert, who declares she and her hubby, Arnold Hill, a Los Angeles TV salesman, have agreed to divorce.

▲ The stork is expected in October at the home of the Pete McDougals. He manages blues singer Little Willie John.

▲ Wealthy Texan Don Robey, who owns the Peacock and Duke record labels, was rushed to a Houston hospital following a severe ulcer attack.

▲ Bandleader Paul Williams offering a \$50 reward for the return of the watch chain he lost while playing a dance in New Orleans. A family heirloom, the chain once belonged to his great-grandfather.

▲ It's a boy for the Roy Hayneses. He's the jazz drummer who formerly played with Sarah Vaughan's trio.

▲ Record critics predict singer Billy Eckstine's popularity will take a sharp upsurge when his new Roulette label record is released. Backed by a swinging chorus, Mr. B displays his old-time singing style and winning technique.

▲ Baltimore TV disc jockey Chuck Richards and his wife, Clarice, have taken their problems into divorce court. Chuck once sang with Chick Webb's band.



Joe Adams



La Bommie

▲ A big time female jazz singer has been warned by her manager to ease up on her ardent discussions of her religious beliefs because they're hurting her bookings. Also, he told her to improve her sloppy stage appearance.



Ida James



F. Jordan

▲ Ex-disc jockey Joe Adams, last seen in Lena Horne's Broadway hit, *Jamaica*, will give his hometown folks in Los Angeles a look at his talents when he plays the lead role in a community theater show.

▲ Shake dancer La Bommie, who went to Europe six years ago and wed a Swedish businessman, has divorced him and is now being courted by a movie star there.

▲ Bandleader Louis Jordan's ex-wife, Fleecie, bought interest in a Chicago tavern and spent \$12,000 renovating the place.

▲ A top Harlem attorney and his wife, a former Philadelphia socialite, are having marriage problems that could end in an agreement to disagree.

▲ Friends say a topflight baseball player's aging father was forced to go to work in a TV shop after his son cut off his allowance.

▲ Victoria Harris of Cleveland was one of five young singers selected from 1,000 to make operatic debuts in Italy.

▲ Once a big time, \$900 weekly singer, Ida James now draws a weekly check for barmaiding at Luda's Caravan on Harlem's Sugar Hill.

—MAJOR ROBINSON

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

BLUE DENIM

Arthur Bartley (Brandon De-Wilde), wearing blue denim jeans that are the uniform of American teen-agers, pokes disconsolately into the empty dog house in his parents' backyard. He is suffering from his first jolt of sorrow. Without consulting him, his father, Maj. Malcolm Bartley, retired (MacDonald Carey), had a vet dispose of his aged dog.

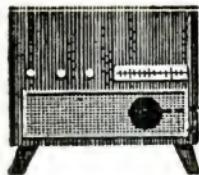
The incident which opens *Blue Denim*, a 20th Century-Fox film, points up the lack of rapport between father and son. This serious defect, a common one among parents of teen-age children, results in a series of misadventures and a tragedy.

In his search for understanding and affection, Arthur turns to a schoolmate, Janet (Carol Lynley), who can't confide in her widower father. The two youngsters fall in love, experiment with sex, and Janet becomes pregnant. Appalled and frightened, Arthur and Janet try to get married in a neighboring town, but this fails when the marriage license clerk suspects they are under 21 and demands a birth certificate.

An abortion seems to be the only solution for their problem, and in desperation Arthur, Janet and a pal, Ernie (Warren Berlinger), try to raise the needed \$150. In the end Arthur forges his father's name to a check and confesses when discovered. Janet eventually is saved from undergoing the illegal operation.



Teen-age lovers in *Blue Denim*.



RADIO-TV



Tommy Edwards To Appear On Dick Clark Show



T. Edwards

Singer Tommy Edwards is slated to appear as the headline attraction on the Dick Clark Show (Saturday, Aug. 15, at 7:30 p.m., EDT) on ABC-TV. Tommy, currently touring East Coast night clubs and theaters, will sing *I Looked At Heaven* and *I've Been There*. Both tunes are from his current MGM album, *All In The Game*. Others scheduled to appear on radio and television this week include:

Lionel Hampton, on the Ed Sullivan Show (Sunday, Aug. 16, at 8:00 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.

Leslie Uggams, on the Jack Paar Show (Friday, Aug. 14, at 11:15 p.m., EDT) on NBC-TV.

Alonzo Johnson vs. Alex Miteff, in a 10-round heavyweight bout (Friday, Aug. 14, at 10 p.m., EDT) on NBC-TV and radio.

Claudia McNeal and Billy Dee Williams on Look Up And Live (Sunday, Aug. 16, at 10:30 a.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.

Hogan (Kid) Bassey vs. Davey Moore, in a championship featherweight bout (Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 10 p.m., EDT) on ABC-TV.

Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, on National Radio Pulpit (Sunday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m., EDT) on NBC radio.

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